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JEANNETTE HAASE

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1. IN AUGUST 11 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH NEA/EGY, DR. JEANNETTE HAASE, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY, DISCUSSED HEALTH PROJECT B.U. CO-SPONSORING WITH CAIRO UNIVERSITY AND EGYPTIAN MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH. SHE ALSO EXPRESSED RATHER CRITICAL VIEWS RE BROADER AMERICAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN EGYPT. HAASE MAY AIR SIMILAR VIEWS WHEN SHE MEETS WITH YOU, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS PURPOSE OF REQUESTED MEETING.

2. IN PRESENTING PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH PROJECT TO NUMEROUS
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EGYPTIANS LAST SPRING, SOME ALLEGEDLY COMPLAINED THAT UNLIKE PROJECTS DEVELOPED BY THE GERMANS OR JAPANESE, AMERICANS DO NOT DELIVER ON AMBITIOUS PROJECT PROPOSALS. THEY COMPLAINED THAT U.S. CONSULTANTS SUBMIT INTENSIVE STUDIES BUT THAT THERE WAS INADEQUATE FOLLOW-THROUGH IN FUNDING OR IN SENDING TECHNICAL TEAMS TO ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS. FEELING OF SEVERAL EGYPTIANS WITH WHOM HAASE CONFERRED WAS

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THAT MONIES ALLOCATED FOR ASSISTANCE DID NOT RESULT IN CONCRETE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BUT RATHER RETURNED TO U.S. FOR CONSULTANTS TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES. REGARDING U.S. AID PROGRAM, EGYPTIANS COMPLAINED ABOUT DIFFERENCES IN U.S.-GOE PRIORITIES; THAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS NOT LINKED TO GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES; AND THEREFORE, INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF PROJECTS COULD NOT BE EFFECTED. REGARDING HER SPECIALIZED FIELD, HAASE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT BASE OF OPERATION AND LEVEL OF EXPERTISE BE EXPANDED, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING EGYPTIAN MID-MANAGERIAL COMPETENCE.

3. HAASE AUGUST 15-22 RETURN VISIT TO EGYPT PREPARATORY TO OCTOBER 22-25 CONFERENCE, WHICH IS PART OF LONG-RANGE PROJECT B.U. DEVELOPING WITH CAIRO UNIVERSITY LINKING HEALTH EDUCATION TRAINING AND HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS FOR URBAN AND RURAL POPULATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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